

MAD FISH

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

2016 MadFish Shiraz Rosé

Variety
100% Shiraz

Region
Western Australia



The Vintage

Across the temperate south west of Western Australia, the winter of 2015 was typically dry and mild yet sufficiently wet enough to fill catchments. The spring, less blustery than preceding years and the start to summer, warm to hot. All in all, a promising start.

As summer progressed, the early warmth suggested a rapid fire, short vintage. Then in the third week of January, this prediction was derailed by an unprecedented deluge. The rain proved to be more blessing than curse, due to the dryness of the soil profile and the timing of the event.

With verasion well advanced in late January, the native marri bloomed throughout the region, keeping the birds otherwise occupied, a complete about – turn to 2015.

The remainder of the vintage progressed with little weather distractions. In summary, the quality of the 2016 vintage is very good to great and the quantity close to average.

Technical Notes

The grapes for the 2016 MadFish Rosé were harvested at 12 Baume which corresponded to full ripeness of colour and flavour for a traditional Rosé style. The grapes were de-stemmed and must-chilled. Then, after 12 hours on skins, the juice was pressed from the skins then settled and clarified before fermentation at 12-14C in stainless steel tanks. The pressings were barrel fermented in older oak.

Tasting Notes

The 2016 MadFish Rosé skilfully runs the gauntlet between lively and engaging fruit sweetness on the front palate and a drier, refreshing finish, which makes the wine eminently drinkable. Strawberry, raspberry, and pomegranate aromas, meld with subtle floral and sweet spice notes. A present but soft acidity spreads these fresh fruit flavours across the palate and provides ample length. A clean, fresh, modern style. Enjoy now and over the next 2 years.

Technical Data

Alcohol: 13.0% v/v
Residual Sugar: 3.2 g/l
pH: 3.24
TA: 6.0

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